IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re application of: Federspiel et al.

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE AFTER FINAL ACTION

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office action dated December 28, 2007, for which a three month or thirty day period for reply was set, making a response due on or before March 28, 2008. It is believed that no fee is necessary. However, the Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4550.

Please amend the referenced application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification are on page 2.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3.

Remarks begin on page 6.